(*b*) the stage at which the construction of Varaganathi Reservoir in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, stands?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The proposal was examined by Government in 1950 and deferred till the quantity that could be impounded in the proposed reservoir had been determined. The flow in the river is now being gauged to assess the availability of supply.

" (*b*) The proposal referred to in this clause is the same as the proposal referred to in clause (*a*), as the Varahanadhi is also called ' Sankaraparani '."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, the remarks of the Executive Engineer of South Arcot and the estimated cost of the said tank and the reservoir and will the Government speed up the work, considering its urgency? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The estimated cost is Rs. 4,26,300 for works. I may also tell the hon. Member that the cost of the scheme has gone up to Rs. 5,57,208. The Board of Revenue considered that the cost of the scheme is too high, and therefore this scheme has been deferred for the present."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that both the clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of the question refer to the construction of the same dam. May I draw his attention to the fact that one is for the construction of the Varahanadhi reservoir and the other is for the dam? So far as the Varahanadhi reservoir is concerned, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether any petition was received from the villagers affected, that the reservoir should not be constructed in that site? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Alleged sale of lands by the Zamindar of Devarakota Estate, Divi taluk.

* 348 *Q.*—SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to Government that the Zamindar of Devarakota Estate, Divi taluk, Krishna district, is cutting trees, clearing ' Rellu ' grass from lanka lands, and selling those lanka lands to ryots of adjoining villages while those lanka lands are in dispute; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Such representations were made to the Government in 1949. The Government had the matter investigated in detail by the Collector. The zamindar has claimed that the lanka lands were his private and home-farm lands. The question whether the zamindar is entitled to ryotwari patta in respect

of them has to be determined by the Settlement Officer. The zamindar and the persons to whom he had leased the lands filed a petition before the High Court for the issue of a writ to restrain the Government from interfering with their enjoyment of the forests, etc., and their carrying on agricultural operations and obtained an order of injunction.

"The High Court has since dismissed the petition and ordered that the question whether the zamindar is *prima facie* entitled to ryotwari patta be considered before action is taken to evict him. Instructions have been issued to the Board of Revenue to instruct the Collector to take action accordingly."

SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGAIAH :—" మొదట ఎస్టేట్లు స్వాధీనము చేసుకొన్నప్పుడు ఈ లంక భూములను 1949 వ సంవత్సరములో రైతులపేర B మెమోపెట్టి శిస్తులు వసూలు చేశారు. ఇప్పుడు ఆ భూములకే, జమీందారుల పేర B మెమోపెట్టి శిస్తులు వసూలు చేసేటట్లు ప్రభుత్వము ఎందుకు ఉత్తరువులు పంపారో చెప్పెదరా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question whether the land belongs to the zamindar or to the ryots is to be considered by the Settlement Officer. That was held in abeyance on account of the injunction of the High Court till now. Now, the matter will be gone into."

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" ఈ లంక భూములను ప్రభుత్వము స్వాధీనము చేసుకొన్న తరువాత, జమీందారు ఆ విధంగా వాటిలో ఉన్న చెట్లను కొట్టించి ఆ భూములను తన ఇష్టప్రకారము చేసుకొనుచుంటే, ప్రభుత్వమునకు ఇది తెలిసికూడా ఊరక ఉంటున్నదా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" How can we help it, Sir? The High Court injunction was there, and we could not do anything."

SRI G. BAPANAYYA :—" పూర్వమునుంచి రైతాంగము తమ పశువులను ఈ భూములలో మేపుకొనేవారు, తరువాత ఆకులు గడ్డికూడ తీసుకొని పోయేవారు. ఇప్పుడు ఈ సౌకర్యము తీసివేయబడ్డది. వాటిని మరల రైతాంగానికి ఇచ్చేందుకు ఏమైన ప్రభుత్వము ఆలోచిస్తుందా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes; when the Settlement Officer decides the question, what the hon. Member has in mind will come about."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARALU :—" అసలు ఈ లంకభూములకు, 1945 సంవత్సరం నుంచిగూడ B. Form రైతులపేర పెట్టి శిస్తు వసూలు చేస్తూ ఉండేవారు. కాని ఈ Estates Land Act పాస్ అయిన తరువాత B. Forms జమీందారుల పేర కట్టుటవలన ఆ భూములను purpose గా మార్చడం జరిగింది. దీని విషయము హైకోర్టుకు పోకముందు కూడ జమీందారు బుద్ధిపూర్వకముగా భూమిని తనస్వంతకమతానికి తయారుచేయుటకు కుట్రలుపన్నారు. దాన్ని ప్రభుత్వము గమనించిగూడ ఊరకున్నది. ఈ విషయము ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలియకపోతే ఇప్పుడైన వెంటనే ఈ విషయమై ఏమైన చర్య తీసుకొనడానికి సిద్ధంగా ఉన్నారా ?"

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The zamindar did it under a mistake of fact, thinking that the waste lands were garden land and home-farm land."

Disposal of stocks of handloom clothes in the State.

* 349 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any action has been taken by this Government for the disposal of the heavy stock of handloom clothes in the co-operative weavers' societies and with the master weavers;

(*b*) whether any orders have been issued to all the Government departments that handloom cloth only should be purchased for the use of all Government office; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal pending with the State Government to send a committee abroad in connexion with finding out markets for handloom clothes?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The stocks accumulated with the primary weavers' co-operative societies will have to be disposed of by the societies themselves by reducing the selling price to the market level. The State Handloom Society helps the primaries by purchasing a part of their stock. Similarly, the disposal of the accumulated stocks with the master weavers and other weavers outside the co-operative fold should be their own responsibility. A scheme for purchasing the future output of the weavers outside the co-operative fold at ' Floor Prices ' is engaging the attention of Government.

" (*b*) Government have however issued instructions for encouraging the purchase of handloom cloth to meet the textile requirements of the Government departments.

" (*c*) No, Sir; it is however seen from press reports that the Government of India propose to send one of their officers to the South-East Asian countries to study the market conditions for Indian textiles, including handloom products."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" In view of the fact that the Central Government is now levying a surcharge on mill cloth, are the Government going to draw up a scheme for developing the weaving industry on modern lines, in order to relieve the weavers from their present distress? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, as soon as the Madras Government receive the proposal of the Central Government, it will be examined and a decision come to as to the purpose for which that money should be utilized."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the goods produced by the co-operative societies under the relief scheme are not finding a market even according to the prices fixed by the committees appointed by the Government, will the